

1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA REGULATORY BOARD OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS**

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3 In the Matter of

4 **Dennis James Cammarano, PA-C**

5 Holder of License No. 2249
6 For the Performance of Health Care Tasks
 In the State of Arizona.

Case No. PA-15-0018A

**ORDER FOR SURRENDER
AND CONSENT TO THE SAME**

7 Dennis James Cammarano P.A. ("Respondent") elects to permanently waive any
8 right to a hearing and appeal with respect to this Order for Surrender; admits the
9 jurisdiction of the Arizona Regulatory Board of Physician Assistants ("Board"); and
10 consents to the entry of this Order by the Board.

11 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

12 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of
13 physician assistants in the State of Arizona.

14 2. Respondent is the holder of license number 2249 for the performance of
15 health care tasks in the State of Arizona.

16 3. The Board initiated case number PA-15-0018A after receiving a report from
17 the Pima County Adult Probation that Respondent is being supervised by Pima County in
18 a case arising out of Santa Cruz County, Arizona. Namely, on April 21, 2014, Respondent
19 pled guilty to Amended Count 1, Endangerment, a class 6 Felony and Amended Count 2,
20 having an alcohol concentration of .08 while driving or being in actual physical control of a
21 vehicle, a Class 1 Misdemeanor in violation of the Arizona Revised Statutes. Also, the
22 Pima County Adult Probation report stated that Respondent has a history of arrests for
23 Driving Under the Influence ("DUI").

24 4. Court records indicate that Respondent has at least three DUI arrests that
25 have not been reported to the Board in accordance with A.R.S. § 32-3208.

1 5. On February 17, Respondent was referred to the Physician Health Program
2 ("PHP") in order to undergo a health assessment. On February 24, 2015, Respondent
3 notified the Board that he is unable to attend the PHP Assessment. The information was
4 presented to the Executive Director, Investigation Staff, and the Chief Medical Consultant,
5 who all agreed that Respondent's ability to perform healthcare tasks should be restricted.
6 Respondent entered into an Interim Consent Agreement for Practice Restriction which was
7 executed on March 12, 2015.

8 6. On January 11, 2016, Respondent was ordered to appear for an
9 Investigative Interview and declined to appear. In lieu of the Investigative Interview, on
10 January 14, 2016, Respondent submitted a written request to voluntarily surrender his
11 license

12 7. Respondent admits to the acts described above and that they constitute
13 unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2501(18)(d) ("(h)abitual intemperance in
14 the use of alcohol or habitual substance abuse"); and A.R.S. § 32-3208(A) A health
15 professional who has been charged with a misdemeanor involving conduct that may affect
16 patient safety or a felony after receiving or renewing a license or certificate must notify the
17 health professional's regulatory board in writing within ten working days after the charge is
18 filed

19 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

20 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over
21 Respondent.

22 2. The Board possesses statutory authority to enter into a consent agreement
23 with a physician assistant and accept the surrender of an active license from a physician
24 assistant who admits to having committed an act of unprofessional conduct. A.R.S. § 32-
25 2551(P).

1 **ORDER**

2 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Respondent immediately surrender License
3 Number 2249, issued to Dennis James Cammarano, P.A. for the performance of
4 healthcare tasks in the State of Arizona, and return his certificate of licensure to the Board.

5 DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 25th day of February, 2016.

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7 ARIZONA REGULATORY BOARD OF
8 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

9 By Patricia E. McSorley
10 Patricia E. McSorley
Executive Director

11 **CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER**

12 1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and the
13 stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Order"). Respondent
14 acknowledges she has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter.

15 2. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that this Order is entered into freely
16 and voluntarily and that no promise was made or coercion used to induce such entry.

17 3. By consenting to this Order, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any rights
18 to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to
19 challenge this Order in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of
20 action related thereto or arising from said Order.

21 4. The Order is not effective until approved by the Board and signed by its
22 Executive Director.

23 5. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this
24 matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving
25 the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended


1 or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government
2 regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or
3 any other state or federal court.

4 6. Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy
5 thereof) to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the consent to the
6 entry of the Order. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Any
7 modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved
8 by the parties.

9 7. This Order is a public record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal
10 disciplinary action of the Board and will be reported to the National Practitioner's Data
11 Bank and on the Board's web site as a disciplinary action.

12 8. If any part of the Order is later declared void or otherwise unenforceable, the
13 remainder of the Order in its entirety shall remain in force and effect.

14 9. If the Board does not adopt this Order, Respondent will not assert as a
15 defense that the Board's consideration of the Order constitutes bias, prejudice,
16 prejudgment or other similar defense.

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19 Dennis James Cammarano, P.A.

DATED: 2-3-2016

1 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed
2 this 25th day of February, 2016 to:

3 Dennis James Cammarano, P.A.
4 Address of Record

5 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed
6 this 25th day of February 2016 with:

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